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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 9

1. NYT - JUNE 8 (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "SOVIET TAX MAY CURB FOREIGN FUNDS TO DISSIDENTS" BY CHRISTOPHER WIEN, DATELINE MOSCOW. REFERS TO A NEW TAX PROVISION SIGNED BY PODGORNY MAY 23 PUBLISHED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET IMPOSING A NEW DUTY EFFECTIVE NEXT JANUARY 1 ON REMITTANCE FROM ABROAD TO SOVIET CITIZENS. MINISTER OF FINANCE EMPOWERED TO EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FROM TAX. IT APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT AID SENT FROM THE WEST TO HELP SOVIET JEWS WHO HAVE LOST JOB AFTER MAKING APPLICATIONS TO EMIGRATE.

2. NYT (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "POLITICAL CLUES IN KREMLIN: BREZHNEV GETS 137 NOMINATIONS AND KOSYGIN 69". DISCUSSES RELATIVE RANKING OF SOVIET LEADERS ON BASIS OF NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY EACH IN CONNECTION WITH SOVIET REPUBLIC ELECTIONS. THERE ARE SOME SECOND THOUGHTS AMONG DIPLOMATS ABOUT EARLIER SPECULATION THAT BREZHNEV MAY STEP DOWN AT THE 25TH CONGRESS IN FEBRUARY. NO UNCLASSIFIED

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REASON FOR HIM TO DO SO EXCEPT HEALTH.

3. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "KREMLIN IS LEERY OF U.S. 'SHUTTLE' - GENEVA DERAILED?" BY MICHAEL PARKS. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS IMPLICITY ACCEPT ANOTHER U.S. ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MOSCOW HAS GROWN UNEASY ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THESE EFFORTS. SOVIET COMMENTATORS HAVE WARNED BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

4. SUN (PAGE 4) AP STORY HEADLINE "SOVIET SPACECRAFT BEGINS TRIP TO VENUS" TASS ANNOUNCEMENT MORE DETAILED THAN USUAL. (ALSO OTHER PAPERS)

5. STAR (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOVIET MISSILE SUBS PATROL CLOSER TO U.S. COAST". ACCORDING TO THE PENTAGON, A Y-CLOSS NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE CRUISED WITHIN 350 MILES OF CAPE COD AND LATER THE SAME DISTANCE OFF NORFOLK, WHICH WAS ABOUT 1,000 MILES CLOSER TO U.S. THAN SUBS OF THIS CLASS NORMALLY PATROL. KISSINGER

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